The Margaret Sloss Women’s Center promotes equity and social change on the Iowa State University campus. Through a feminist lens, the center advocates for individuals and groups; provides support, referrals, community and programming; and maintains a safe space in the Sloss House.
In the United States April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities on how to prevent it.

Sexual violence is a major public health, human rights and social justice issue. We need everyone’s help to end it. Thank you for getting involved and for supporting SAAM efforts.

*Note* Click the link for more information but visit our [events page](#) for updated information!
Lorraine D. Acker
Director of Margaret Sloss Women’s Center

Bio

Lorraine Acker was born in Port of Spain Trinidad, but moved to the United States at a young age, she has called Ames, IA home for the past four years.

Lorraine is currently a doctoral student in the School of Education at Iowa State University. Her research focuses on how women of color experience. She currently holds assistantships in Multicultural Student Affairs and the Graduate College and is expected to complete her dissertation in 2016.

She earned a Master of Science in College Student Personnel from Western Illinois University, and a Bachelor of Science in African and Afro-American Studies and Political Science from the State University of New York College at Brockport.

Lorraine brings more than 12 years of higher education experience, having worked with women’s programs, residence life, social justice education, teaching, advising, and mentoring. Lorraine previously served as Assistant Dean of Students for Minority Student Support Services and Women's Programs and adjunct faculty in Women and Gender Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. In that role, she advocated for women through leadership initiatives and awareness programs and led a variety of campus-wide committees.

Lorraine is very excited to join the Margaret Sloss Women’s Center and looks forward to connecting with students, faculty, and staff in partnership to make Iowa State a welcoming environment for all women.
Prevention Services is conducting a brief survey about free condom distribution efforts on campus. Our data collection will be two-fold, with both a random sampling of students, as well as polling students who interface with our valued partners. If you have any students you believe would be willing to take this brief (less than 5 minutes!) survey, please share this link with them. It is perfectly fine to forward this message/link as wide as you wish. This is a separate (albeit identical) survey from our random sampling.

Here is the link to the survey: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_4SnBc7B2ehbxsZn. The survey will be open until 11:59 PM on Friday, April 10, 2015.

Many thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Prevention Services Staff – Lauri, Brian, and Paul

*Thielen Student Health Center*
Upcoming!

April - Sexual Assault Awareness Month
The Hunting Grounds – Great Hall: April 15th, 7pm
Take Back the Night – West Terrace, MU: April 22nd, @ 6pm
What I was Wearing – Sloss House Lawn: April 21st @ 12pm-2:30pm
These Hands Don’t Hurt – Sloss House Lawn: April 20th @ 8am-2pm
For those interested in volunteering for SAAM events, please email maitland@iastate.edu

May
One Blue String Event – DG’s Taphouse: May 2nd @ 9pm
For those interested in volunteering for SAAM events, please email maitland@iastate.edu

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